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and envelopes may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or Branch or the Bureau of the Public Debt, Treasury Department, Washington, DC 20220. Bids shall be irrevocable.

(b) *Bidding.* Bids, except noncompetitive bids when authorized, must be expressed as a percentage of the principal amount in not to exceed five decimals, e.g., 100.01038 percent. Provisions relating to the coupon rate of interest on the bonds, if not set forth in the public notice, will be made in a supplemental announcement. The public notice will indicate the timing of any such announcement. If the bidders are required to specify the coupon rate, each bidder shall specify a single coupon rate of interest, which shall be a multiple of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent but not in excess of $4\frac{1}{4}$ percent. The Secretary of the Treasury may limit the premium above or the discount below par.

(c) *Group bids.* A syndicate or other group submitting a bid must act through a representative who must be a member of the group. The representative must warrant to the Secretary of the Treasury that he has all necessary power and authority to act for each member and to bind the members jointly and severally. In addition to whatever other data may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury, in the case of a syndicate, the representative must file, within one hour after the time for opening of bids, at the place specified in the public notice for receipt of bids a final statement of the composition of the syndicate membership and the amount of each member's underwriting participation.

§ 340.7 Deposits—retention—return.

Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount specified in the public notice. The deposit of any successful bidder will be retained as security for the performance of his obligation and will be applied toward payment of the bonds. All other deposits will be returned immediately. No interest will be allowed on account of any deposits.

§ 340.8 Acceptance of bids.

(a) *Opening of bids.* Bids will be opened at the time and place specified in the public notice.

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(b) *Method of determining accepted bids.* The lowest basis cost of money² computed from the date of the bonds to the date of maturity will be used in determining successful bids.

(c) *Acceptance of successful bid.* The Secretary of the Treasury, or his representative, will notify any successful bidder of acceptance in the manner and form specified in the public notice.

§ 340.9 Bids—revocations—rejections—postponements—reoffers.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, may (a) revoke the public notice of invitation to bid at any time before opening bids, (b) return all bids unopened either at or prior to the time specified for their opening, (c) reject any or all bids, (d) postpone the time for presentation and opening of bids, and (e) waive any immaterial or obvious defect in any bid. Any action the Secretary of the Treasury may take in these respects shall be final. In the event of a postponement, known bidders will be advised thereof and their bids returned unopened.

§ 340.10 Payment for and delivery of bonds.

Payment for the bonds, including accrued interest, if any, must be made in immediately available funds on the date and at the place specified in the invitation. Delivery of bonds under this section will be made at the risk and expense of the United States at such place or places in the United States as may be provided in the invitation. Interim receipts, if necessary, will be issued pending delivery of the definitive bonds.

§ 340.11 Failure to complete transaction.

If any successful bidder shall fail to pay in full for the bonds on the date

²In cases where bidders are required to specify the coupon rate, the lowest basis cost of money will be determined by reference to a specially prepared table of bond yields, a copy of which will be made available to all prospective bidders upon written request to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or the Bureau of the Public Debt, Treasury Department, Washington, DC 20220. Straightline interpolation will be applied if necessary.

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and at the place specified in the invitation, the money deposited by or in behalf of such bidder shall be forfeited to the Treasury Department.

§ 340.12 Reservations as to terms of circular.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right, at any time, or from time to time, to amend, repeal, supplement, revise or withdraw all or any of the provisions of this part.

PART 341—REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNITED STATES RETIREMENT PLAN BONDS

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§ 341.0 Offering of bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and pursuant to the Self-Employed Individuals Tax Retirement Act of 1962, offers for sale, effective as of January 1, 1963, bonds of the United States, designated as United States Retirement Plan Bonds. The bonds will be available for investment only to:

- (a) Bond purchase plans and
- (b) Pension and profit-sharing plans, as described in sections 405 and 401, re-

spectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

This offering of bonds will terminate on April 30, 1982.

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§ 341.1 Description of bonds.

(a) *Investment yield (interest).* United States Retirement Plan Bonds, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Retirement Plan Bonds, will be issued at par. The investment yields (interest) are as follows:

(1) Bonds with issue dates of January 1, 1963, through May 1, 1966—3.75 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually (see Table of Redemption Values in the appendix).

(2) Bonds with issue dates of June 1, 1966, through December 1, 1969—4.15 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually (see Table A in the appendix).

(3) Bonds with issue dates of January 1, 1970, through January 1, 1974—5 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually (see Table B).

(4) Bonds with issue dates of February 1, 1974, through July 1, 1979—6 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually (see Table C).

(5) Bonds with issue dates of August 1, 1979, through October 1, 1980—6.5 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually (see Table D).

(6) Bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1980, through September 1, 1981—8 percent per annum, compounded semiannually (see Table E).

(7) Bonds with issue dates of October 1, 1981, or thereafter—9 percent per annum, compounded semiannually (see Table F).

Interest will be paid only upon redemption of the bonds. The accrual of interest will continue until the bonds are redeemed or have reached maturity, whichever is earlier, in accordance with these regulations.

(b) *Term.* The maturity date of any bond issued under this circular shall be indeterminate, but unless sooner redeemed in accordance with the regulations in this part, its investment yield will cease on the interest accrual date coinciding with, or, where no such coincidence occurs, the interest accrual date next preceding, the first day of the sixtieth (60th) month following the